

Director of Central Intelligence

19 May 1949

Deputy Executive

Space

Reference: a. Memo to PBA from Mr. Blaisdell, OSD, dated 17 May 1949 re CIA space in [] (copy attached).

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b. Memo from Deputy Executive to DCI, dated 10 May 1949 on the space problem (copy attached)

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1. Our space in [] is occupied by the Map Branch of GRS, in most part by its Cartographic Division.

2. The Map Branch is a central service for all agencies provided by CIA. All of the activities of the National Military Establishment are served by this unit.

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3. The space now occupied is ideal for cartographic work, having apparently been designed for this purpose. We have only recently moved the Map Branch to [] as a result of having to vacate its previous quarters in []

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4. When Building 11, Potomac Annex, was offered to CIA in return for [] space, we surveyed it carefully and found it entirely unsuitable for Map Branch work even with extensive, very expensive and time consuming alterations. For this reason we did not agree to trade.

5. There is nothing in the attached memo which supports the tying in of availability of K Building space with this trade.

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6. Recommend that this matter be taken up with the Secretary of Defense with a view to our remaining in our present space in []

CC: Services Officer

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